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Notification to State health authorities of the departure of immigrants arrived on vessels upon which contagious disease has appeared.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, D. C., 1, 1896.

To quarantine officers of the United States, commissioners of immigration, State and local health authorities, and others concerned:

After arrival at a quarantine station of a vessel upon which there appears, or has appeared, during the last voyage, a case of cholera, smallpox, typhus fever, or plague, and after quarantine measures provided by regulations of the Treasury Department have been enforced and the vessel given free pratique, it is hereby ordered that notification of the above-mentioned facts be transmitted by the quarantine officer to the commissioner of immigration at the port of arrival, whose duty it shall then be to transmit, by mail or telegraph, to the State health authorities of the several States to which immigrants from said vessel are destined, the date of departure, route, number of immigrants, and the point of destination in the respective States of the immigrants from said vessel, together with the statement that said immigrants are from a vessel which has been subject to quarantine by reason of infectious disease, naming the disease.

This information is furnished to State health officers for the purpose of enabling them to maintain such surveillance over the arriving immigrants as they may deem necessary.

J. G. CARLISLE,

Secretary.

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Report on the prevalence of contagious diseases in New Orleans, La.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., May 3, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a summary of contagious diseases, as reported in this city during the month of April, 1896, kindly

furnished by the president of the Louisiana State board of health, viz : Smallpox, 248 cases, 22 white, 226 colored; remaining on hand May 1, 202 cases, 20 white, 182 colored, of which 189 were in the pesthouse and 13 in 11 quarantined houses; diphtheria, 17 cases, 14 white, 3 colored; scarlatina, 10 cases, all white; deaths, smallpox, 92, all colored; diphtheria, 3, all white. No deaths from scarlatina.

Very respectfully,

HENRY W. SAWTELLE,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, May 6, 1896.

SIR: Following is a statement of the occurrence of smallpox in Tennessee for the month ending April 30: In the city of Memphis, Shelby County, there occurred 6 cases of smallpox, all colored; in Shelby County (outside of the city of Memphis), 11 cases; 2 white and 9 colored, with 3 deaths. Two cases were reported from Covington, Tipton County; also 1 other case reported from Cedar Point, making a total of 3 cases in Tipton County, all colored. In Jackson, Madison County, 1 case was discovered in the person of a negro man, porter on passenger train running between Jackson, Tenn., and Cairo, Ill.; thus making a total of 21 cases (2 white and 19 colored), with 3 deaths, in the State for the month. The usual precautions of vaccination, isolation, and disinfection were observed. The disease is rapidly abating.

Very respectfully,

J. BERRIEN LINDSLEY,
Secretary and Executive Officer, State Board of Health.

Arrival of steamship Patria with 1 case of variola on board.

QUARANTINE, STATEN ISLAND,
New York, May 8, 1896.

Steamship *Patria* arrived yesterday with 1 case of smallpox. Disinfection performed; 456 vaccinated; 36 removed to Hoffman Island for observation. Vessel will be released to-day.

A. H. DOTY,
Health Officer.

Representatives of the Louisiana State board of health appointed for Central American ports.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., May 7, 1896.

SIR: I beg to inform you that the following-named physicians have been appointed medical officers of this board in Central American ports: Dr. Wm. H. Carson, with residence at Belize, British Honduras, including itinerary of Livingston, Guatemala, and Port Barrios, Guatemala; Dr. J. C. Stickney, with residence at Puerto Cortez, Spanish Honduras; Dr. W. K. Fort, with residence at La Ceiba, Spanish Honduras; Dr. C. W. Knight, with residence at Bluefields, Nicaragua; Dr. L. A. Wailes, with residence at Port Limon, Costa Rica; Dr. W. B. Bonsall, with residence at Bocas del Toro, United States of Colombia; Dr. Jas. F. Finney, with residence at Colon, United States of Colombia.

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Very respectfully,

S. R. OLLIPHANT, M. D.,
President State Board of Health.

Dr. H. W. SAWTELLE,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.